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(U) San Francisco – Twitter Reports About 130 Accounts Targeted In Cyber Attack

(U) Twitter disclosed yesterday that hackers targeted about 130 accounts during the cyber-attack this week, an incident in which profiles of many prominent personalities and organizations were compromised. The FBI's San Francisco division is leading an inquiry into the hacking, with Washington lawmakers also calling for an accounting of how it happened. The law enforcement agency said that cyber attackers committed cryptocurrency fraud in the incident. Publicly available blockchain records show the apparent scammers received more than \$100,000 worth of cryptocurrency.

SOURCE: 16 July 2020, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Authorities Discover Undocumented Immigrants Held Against Their Will in Stash House (U) Rio Grande City – US Border Patrol discovered undocumented immigrants in a stash house in Rio Grande City on Wednesday night. According to the agency, agents received information about several undocumented immigrants being held at a residence against their will. Agents say they contacted the Starr County Sheriff's Department and responded to the residence. Upon arrival, they found 22 undocumented immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras. The Sheriff's department arrested a

49-year-old man who will face state charges.

SOURCE: 16 July 2020, KVEO

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Non-Essential Travel Restriction Extended At US Borders

(U) Washington – Restrictions on non-essential travel at US land borders with Canada and Mexico will be extended through 21 August, Canada and the United States announced yesterday. The restrictions do not cover trade across a US-Canada border that stretches 5,525 miles or air travel. Passenger crossings have fallen by 90% or more at many border crossings and hit tourist destinations along US borders. At San Ysidro, California, on the US-Mexico border, passenger and pedestrian traffic fell from more than 2.9 million people crossing in February to 1.3 million in May.

SOURCE: 16 July 2020, Reuters

(U) Washington – Man Charged with Arson For Setting Fire To Police Station

(U) Seattle – A former Seattle resident, who most recently resided in Tacoma, was arrested on July 14, on a federal arson charge for setting fire to the outside of the Seattle Police East Precinct during the occupied protest known as 'CHOP.' "This is the third case we have charged federally for the criminal acts that tainted otherwise peaceful protests. Other crimes remain under investigation and may result in additional federal charges," said US Attorney Brian T. Moran. "Those who worked to turn protests into riots will not escape accountability for their criminal conduct."

SOURCE: 15 July 2020, US DOJ

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Lebanon – 28 Hizbullah Missile Launch Sites Detected in Civilian Areas

(U) Beirut – Hizbullah is continuing to bolster its cache of weapons by storing them in more urban, densely-populated locations throughout Lebanon, a new study has revealed. According to a report released this week by the Israel-based Alma Center, 28 new depots have been determined, with the highest concentration in the capital city of Beirut, the Beqaa Valley, and southern Lebanon. Most significantly, ALMA claims that the locations—which include command and control launch capabilities, bunkers and missile assembly lines—are disguised in routine civilian areas, nestled in and around hospitals, personal residences, golf clubs, offices, soccer fields, churches, schools, and restaurants. SOURCE: 15 July 2020, FOX News

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